

**AMENDED CLAIMS**

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What is claimed is:

- 5     1.    A post system for a railing, the post system comprising:
- a railing post having first and second ends; and
- a post base connectable to said first end of said railing post, said post
- 10       base comprising an inner member and an outer member, said inner member being substantially embedded within said outer member, said inner member comprising a first material and said outer member comprising a second material.
- 15     2.    The post system of claim 1 wherein said first material is steel.
3.    The post system of claim 1 wherein said second material is aluminum.
4.    The post system of claim 1 further comprising fasteners for connecting said post
- 20       base to said railing post.
5.    The post system of claim 4 wherein said fasteners comprise a dimension of Ø8x80 mm.
- 25     6.    A post system for a railing, the post system comprising:
- a railing post comprising an elongated tubular body and first and second ends; and
- 30       an insert snugly insertable within said first end of said railing post.
7.    The post system of claim 6 further comprising a post base connectable to said first end of said railing post.

8. The post system of claim 6 wherein said insert further comprises an engagement member.
- 5 9. The post system of claim 6 further comprising fasteners for connecting said post base to said railing post.
10. The post system of claim 9 wherein said fasteners comprise a dimension of Ø8x80 mm.
- 10 11. A post system for a railing, the post system comprising:
- a railing post having first and second ends; and
- a post base connectable to said first end of said railing post, said post
- 15 base comprising:
- a base member; and
- a housing member connected to and extending from said base
- 20 member, said housing member adapted to engage said railing post.
12. A post system for a railing, the post system comprising:
- 25 a railing post comprising an elongated tubular body and first and second ends;
- an insert snugly insertable within said first end of said railing post;
- 30 a post base connectable to said first end of said railing post, said post base comprising a base member and a housing member connected to and extending from said base member, said housing member adapted to snugly engage said railing post; and

wherein said base member comprises an inner member and an outer member, said inner member being substantially embedded within said outer member, said inner member comprising a first material and said outer member comprising a second material.

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13. The post system of claim 12 wherein said insert further comprises an engagement member.

14. The post system of claim 12 wherein said first material is steel.

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15. The post system of claim 12 wherein said second material is aluminum.

16. The post system of claim 12 further comprising fasteners for connecting said post base to said railing post.

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17. The post system of claim 16 wherein said fasteners comprise a dimension of Ø8x80 mm.